



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 5275***

LCO No. 1120



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:  
(PS)

***AN ACT PERMITTING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES  
PERSONNEL TO USE BLUE LIGHTS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 14-96q of the 2016 supplement to  
2 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
3 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2016*):

4 (c) A blue light or lights, including flashing blue lights, may be used  
5 on a motor vehicle operated by (1) an active member of a volunteer fire  
6 department or company or an active member of an organized civil  
7 preparedness auxiliary fire company who has been issued a permit by  
8 the chief executive officer of such department or company to use such  
9 a light while on the way to or at the scene of a fire or other emergency  
10 requiring such member's services, or (2) emergency medical services  
11 personnel, as defined in section 20-206jj, who have been issued a  
12 permit by the chief executive officer of the emergency medical service  
13 organization, as defined in section 19a-175, to use such a light while on  
14 the way to or at the scene of an emergency requiring the services of  
15 such personnel. Such permit shall be on a form provided by the

16 commissioner and may be revoked by such chief executive officer or  
17 successor. The chief executive officer of each volunteer fire department  
18 or company, [or] organized civil preparedness auxiliary fire company  
19 or emergency medical service organization shall keep on file the forms  
20 provided by the commissioner, the names and addresses of members  
21 or personnel who have been authorized to use flashing blue lights as  
22 provided in this subsection. Such listing shall also designate the  
23 registration number of the motor vehicle on which authorized flashing  
24 blue lights are to be used.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	October 1, 2016	14-96q(c)
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***Statement of Purpose:***

To allow emergency medical services personnel to use blue lights while on the way to or at the scene of an emergency requiring the services of such personnel.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*